

FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 1823 – HB 1656

May 2, 2008

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (017774): Adds new language to the original bill. Redefines the term “pedestrian” to include any person using wheelchairs, as it relates to the rules of the road; authorizes wheelchairs to be used on certain roadways, and portions thereof. Prohibits pedestrians from using such wheelchairs on interstates, highways with posted speed limits of 55 miles per hour or more, or on any highway within a jurisdiction of a county or municipality when such governing body has otherwise prohibited such pedestrians. Creates a Class C misdemeanor for any such offense.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Revenues – Not Significant

Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Increase Local Revenues – Not Significant

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase State Revenues – Not Significant

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Increase Local Revenues – Not Significant

Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- The current definition for pedestrian is any person afoot.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for state or local governments to experience any significant increase in revenues or expenditures as a result of this bill as amended.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

James W. White, Executive Director

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